



**The Newark Municipal Council
Salutes
Mr. James H. Rounds
World War I Veteran**

Mr. James H. Rounds was born in Snow Hill, Maryland on December 25, 1894 before moving to the City of Newark during the Winter of 1916. As a young man, Mr. Rounds was drafted into the Army in 1918 and proudly served as a member of the 63rd Pioneer Infantry during the course of World War I. After receiving his basic training at Fort Dix, Mr. Rounds was assigned the duties of guarding the New York and New Jersey seaports against saboteurs. He had just received his orders to be shipped overseas when the war in Europe ended in 1918.

After his discharge from the Army, James Rounds returned to his home in Newark where he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a mechanic until the stock market crashed in 1929. After working at odd jobs and going to school at night, Mr. Rounds received his Blue Shield License and went to work at the General Electric plant in Newark until his retirement. Throughout his many years of residency within the City of Newark, Mr. Rounds was actively involved in numerous social and civic organizations including the Marcus Garvey Movement. He was also a member of the King Hiram Lodge, Elks Liberty Lodge and the American Legion Post 152 where he served as Senior Vice Commander.

Mr. James Rounds was not only a long-standing and socially active resident of the city, he also became a successful landlord who owned several properties. He was an entrepreneur who was a business partner with Ms. Clara Bell Jackson (sister of the late Irvine Turner, first African American to be elected Newark City Councilman) who owned and operated a beauty parlor and beauty school on West Market Street during the 1930's. In 1963, Mr. Rounds was cited by the late Mayor Hugh Addonizio for his outstanding efforts with the Veterans Day Parade Committee.

Mr. James H. Rounds is a living legend who is full of history and wisdom. His grandfather, William Ginn, was born a slave and ran away to join the Union Army in 1863 where he served as a chaplain. Mr. Ginn was present during the ceremony marking the Emancipation Proclamation and he shook the hand of President Abraham Lincoln on that historic occasion. The home of William Ginn and his grandson James H. Rounds in Snow Hill, Maryland still stands today as a National Historic site.